



*The Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church,
Rayne, Louisiana.*

August 2nd, 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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4:30pm - 6:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday - 5:30pm
Wednesday - 7:00am
Thursday - 7:00am
Friday - 7:00am

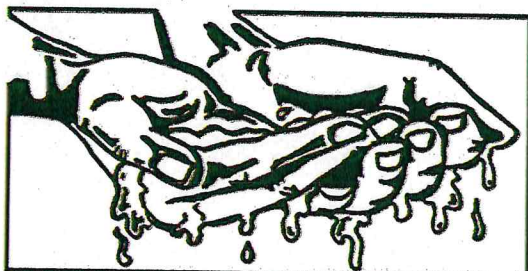
Weekend Masses
Saturday Mass - 5:00pm
Sunday Mass - 9:30am

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick contact
Fr. Ed at (225) 571-8233

CONFESSION: Before and after each Mass/and
By appointment

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THE PASTOR'S DESK



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OUR DEEPEST NEEDS

The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs" (Psalm 145:16). Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, "Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?" After material needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today's Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill.

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PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Lord Jesus who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless your friends who are sick. Give them strength in their body, courage in their spirit, and patience in their pain. Let them recover their health, so that when they are restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise Your Name, for You live and reign forever and ever. Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH & THEIR

CAREGIVERS: James Guidry, Edward Sonnier, Chester Charles, Anthony Gardiner, Kirsten Jolivet, Tim Smith, Sr. & Family, Marie Sly George, ASBS, Mattie G. Lindon, Crystal Senegal, Lynn Smith, Ros Cook, Pricilla Pierre, Sonja Blount, Rhonda Duhon, Janet Pabum, Tommy Senegal, Ronald Senegal, Sr., Linda Mouton, Helen Caillet, Gracia Senegal, Audrey Guidry, Anthony Flynn LaPointe, Michael Jolivet, Mary Keel, Ann McDaniel, Thomas Simon, Mary Simon, Betty Paul, Maudry Bellard, Jeanette C. Williams, Bernadette Cole, Gloria Jean Wilridge, Donna Duhon, Mervin Dugas, Kabre' Broussard, Ida Rubin, Bretha B. Guidry, Tyre Jordan, Sandra Cole Livings, Denver Babineaux, Viola Daron, Richard Caillet, Glenn Hunter, Sr., John Washington, Lois Gabriel Yokum, Tim Mayfield, Delveckio Charles, Donna Duhon, Aleke & Jennie Kanonu.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2026

All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!

— Isaiah 55:1a

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

Gospel — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY (1786-1859)

August 4

A busy pastor jokingly suggests the secret of John Vianney's holiness: "He died seventeen years before telephones!" Call they didn't, but visit they did, keeping Vianney eighteen hours a day in the confessional. Stories abound of reading hearts and exorcisms, but Vianney's first miracle was getting ordained. Difficulty with studies delayed him, prompting the rector's apology to the bishop, "So far to ordain just one, especially *this* one!" The bishop, who could not know he was ordaining the future patron saint of parish priests, replied, "No burden to ordain one good priest!" In Ars, only an elderly handful attended Mass, "praying," one told Vianney, "for a priest with brains." But he stayed forty-two years, fulfilling the promise he made the day he arrived. In a sculpture just outside the village Vianney points skyward: "Show me the way to Ars," he tells a boy, "and I'll show you the way to heaven." To someone who feared there was no heaven beyond the grave, Vianney smiled, "My child, it would have been heaven enough to have lived as Jesus' disciple on earth."

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WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL: Jesus is the hope of Christian.

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MASS INTENTIONS- August 1st - 2026 – August 7th, 2026

Sat. 5:00 P.M. For People of the Parish

Joseph Tucker (Anniversary) req. by Paula
Ethel White Smith req. by Laura Levy

Sun. 9:30 A.M. For People of the Parish

Lee Allen Zenon req. by Mary Zenon
Charles Evans, Sr., req. by Clark Family
Ethel White Smith, req. by
Lawrence, Rockella & Bremilin Minnix

Tues. 5:30PM Special Intention

Ethel White Smith req. by Stephanie Bernard

Wed. 7:00AM Fr. David D. Torbert, SSJ

Thurs. 7:00AM Fr. Harry J. Maloney, SSJ

Fri. 7:00AM Fr. Edward F. Murphy, SSJ

Lee Allen Zenon req. by Mary Zenon

July 26th, 2026 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to Weekly envelopes, **\$1,585.00**, Donation, **\$40.00**. **Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

AUGUST BIRTHDAY: **August 1st**, Edra Kelly Broussard, Rounsey Lee, **August 3rd**, Ashley Domingue, **August 4th**, Oscar Babineaux, **August 6th**, Zona Larry, Samantha Senegal, **August 7th**, Renee Locksey, **let us put our hands together for them.**

CONGRATULATIONS: To Most Esteemed Hilda L. Wiltz for winning her re-election for Supreme Lady with the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary. The 110th National Convention was held in Houston, Texas, last weekend. The Ladies Celebrated 100 years of Service, 1926-2026, "Rooted in Faith, Flourishing in Service." Your Parish Family is proud of you. **Let's put our hands together for her.**



Prayer for Protection During a Hurricane
Our Father in Heaven,
through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
spare us during this hurricane season from all harm.
Protect us and our homes
from all disasters of nature.
Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
hasten to help us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE: The Diocese of Lafayette requires that each parish is in safe environment compliance. Everyone working with children, Ministers of Hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers, volunteers working with the Praise Team, and Religious Education, must be Safe Environment Certified. **DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE SAFE ENVIRONMENT (VIRTUS)** is now open for Continuing Education. It is **MANDATORY for CCD Teachers, Volunteers & Parents**. After completion a certificate will be printed and put in the office file.

OMOM Religious Education Classes 2026-2027

Registration will begin for religious education on the weekend of August 1st-2nd and continue throughout the month of August. The first religious class will be on September 12, 2026, in the Katherine Drexel Center. Completed registrations can be turned into the rectory or to Donna Duhon, Director of Religious Education

The Religious Education Program is looking for members of the church community to volunteer their service by helping the youth of our parish. We are looking for a few good men and women to teach religion education classes.

Please contact Donna Duhon @donnaduhon2@gmail.com if you are willing to volunteer or leave a message at the rectory.

Thank you for supporting the children of our parish.
Donna Duhon
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Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy

FOOD FOR SENIORS, Monday, August 17th, 2026, held at Southside Community Center, 403 Fourth Street, Rayne, La. 7:30am -10:00am. Bring proof of income and ID or driver's license. Bring proof of income and ID or driver's license.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. John Vianney
Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord;
Hiroshima Memorial Day
Friday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan;
First Friday
Saturday: St. Dominic

PRAYER AND HUMILITY

Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes.

—St. Dominic

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Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy, Rayne 100 years of Faith, Family and Friends.

We have come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord. – (1924-2024).

“ROOTED IN FAITH”